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SUBJECT: NAVOCFORMED PORT CALL TO BARCELONA

REF: STATE 53668 AND USNATO 1452

1. WE ARE MOVED BY REFTELS TO NOTE THAT, WHILE BELGIANS ARE PREPARED TO ACQUIESCE IN SUBJECT VISIT VIA THE SILENT CONSENT PROCEDURE, OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER IN THE DPC OR ELSEWHERE IS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN TO FIND BELGIUM EQUALLY AGREEABLE. RESPONSIBLE FONOFF OFFICIAL TOLD US ON MARCH 22 THAT IF THE ISSUE IS DEBATED IN DPC AS A RESULT OF NORWEGIAN REFUSAL TO GO ALONG WITH APPROVAL BY SILENT CONSENT, PERMREP DE STAERCKE WOULD BE CONSTRAINED TO ASK FOR INSTRUCTIONS. THE OUTCOME OF SUCH A DEVELOPMENT IS UNCERTAIN.

2. BELGIAN GOVERNMENT MUST KEEP IN MIND A PARLIAMENT WITH A SUBSTANTIAL ELEMENT OPPOSED TO TIGHTENING RELATIONS WITH SPAIN, PORTUGAL OR GREECE. MOST RECENT SIGN OF DISCONTENT WAS PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION ABOUT CURRENT JOINT SPANISH-BELGIAN NAVAL EXERCISE (SEE MADRID 1041 AND BRUSSELS 1145) RECENTLY DIRECTED TO DEFENSE MINISTER VANDEN BOEYNANTS. TO HIS AUDIENCE' S AMUSEMENT, VANDEN BOEYNANTS REFERRED WITH SOME DISCOMFORT TO THE NEED FOR FAIR WEATHER AND CALM
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WATERS FOR THE EXERCISE. THE INCIDENT HAS PASSED, BUT IT
SERVES AS A REMINDER OF POTENTIAL OPPOSITION TO ANY MOVE
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